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332nd Rear Area Operations Center soldiers, families and employers being honored Sunday

The Wisconsin National Guard's 332nd Rear Area Operations Center soldiers, their families and the City of Berlin, Wis., will be honored during a Freedom Salute Campaign ceremony Sunday [Aug. 8], 10 a.m., at the National Guard Armory, 147 Memorial Drive, Berlin.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is a national program started in December by Lt. Gen. Roger Shultz, Army National Guard director, and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Lever III, Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard, to publicly acknowledge Army Guard soldiers and those who supported them during their active duty mobilizations for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

During Sunday's ceremony 28 soldiers of the 332nd Rear Area Operations Center will receive a Defender of Freedom lapel pin, a coin, an encased U.S. flag, and a Defender of Freedom certificate signed by Shultz and Lever. Soldier's spouses will receive a National Guard Team member lapel pin, and children will get a Future Soldier Kit, which includes a board game.

These Wisconsin National Guard members of the 332nd will also name the city of Berlin as the organization that was most helpful to them during their mobilization. Mayor George Herides will accept a framed mosaic U.S. flag print on behalf of the city.

The 332nd Rear Area Operations Center was mobilized Dec. 2, 2002 and served in Afghanistan until mid-July 2003 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Wisconsin Guard still has about 1,360 soldiers and airmen on active duty. Of those, approximately 320 are deployed overseas and nearly 700 others are eventually bound for overseas missions. Another 800 Wisconsin Army National Guard soldiers are alerted for possible mobilization.

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